

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed on 12/12/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>7/30/04</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the references cited or the art searched disclose or teach alone or in combination the method for creating a complex process model, which includes defining a place for data types, defining a transition region comprising actions, and where the connectivity of the place and transition region exists as an arc and where the place, transition, and connectivity can be interchanged. The functional details of how this invention is implemented in a real world application is provided by detailed definitions of the place, transition, arc, and connectivity and other relevant terms, which are provided on pages 9 and 10 of the specification.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Relevant Prior Art

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Doyle (5233513) discloses a method and apparatus for business software modeling which creates process models of line management and includes linguistic principles such as a subject, verb, and object.

Davies (6002396) discloses a system and method of defining a process structure for performing a task, which includes integrating the process definitions with actions and incorporating experience. The process is captured as a verb phrase and a noun phrase.

Gryphon (6233537) discloses a language for modeling workflow, to create a business process model, where the Business Model Language describes business processes and information and models both the verbs and nouns of the process description.

Crampton (6415196) discloses a system and method for creating a process model for manufacturing scheduling, where resources are the nouns, activities are the performance words or verbs, and constraints are the real world conditions which limit how activities can be performed.

Enomoto (7047557) discloses a security system in an object oriented system which utilizes a process model for defining a dynamic process cooperatively performed by a plurality of role modes, and which utilizes noun objects and verb objects as a part of its data structure.

Boden discloses a method and system for representing a business process in a workflow model, where a noun, a verb, and an attribute define each of a plurality of processes. Business processes are classified and organized in terms of a three-dimensional navigation space.

Vailaya (7058643) discloses a method of identifying and organizing new information, which includes a lexicon of nouns and verbs, and links. The system

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provides the relationships between biological models, experimental data, and proprietary data.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be direct to Albert W. Paladini whose telephone number is (571) 272-3748. The examiner can normally be reached from 7:00 to 3:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Leo P. Picard, can be reached on (571) 272-3749. The official fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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